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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA CEASEFIRE - TEXT OF AGREEMENT

1. NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE AND NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT
 NEGOTIATORS SIGNED A MARCH 24
 SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. FOLLOWING, IN INFORMAL
 TRANSLATION, IS THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT:

2. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT AND
 THE NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE

THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
 NICARAGUA AND THE NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE, MEETING
 IN SAPAO MARCH 21 - 23, 1988, WITH THE AIM OF
 CONTRIBUTING TO RECONCILIATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
 OF THE ESQUIPULAS II AGREEMENT AND IN THE PRESENCE OF
 WITNESSES, CARDINAL MIGUEL OBANDO Y BRAVO, PRESIDENT
 OF THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE OF NICARAGUA, AND
 AMBASSADOR JOAO BAENA SOARES, SECGEN OF THE OAS,
 HAVE ARRIVED AT THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT:

1) IN
 THE ENTIRE NATIONAL TERRITORY FOR A PERIOD OF
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BEGINNING APRIL 1 OF THIS YEAR, DURING WHICH THERE WILL OCCUR A ; FOR DEFINITIVE CEASEFIRE WHOSE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION WILL OCCUR JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER COMMITMENTS CONTEMPLATED IN ESQUIPULAS II. BOTH PARTIES AGREE TO MEET AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN MANAGUA ON APRIL 6 TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A DEFINITIVE CEASEFIRE.

2) DURING THE FIRST 15 DAYS, THE FORCES OF THE : WILL S WHOSE LOCALITY, SIZE, AND MODUS OPERANUS WILL BE MUTUALLY AGREED TO BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION IN A MEETING IN SAPOA TO BEGIN MONDAY, MARCH 28.

3) THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA WILL DECREE A FOR THOSE TRIED AND SENTENCED FOR VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF MAINTENANCE OF ORDER AND PUBLIC SECURITY, AND FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY OF THE PREVIOUS REGIME FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BEFORE JULY 19, 1979. IN THE CASE OF THE FIRST GROUP, AMNESTY WILL BE GRADUAL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RELIGIOUS SENTIMENTS OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ON THE OCCASION OF HOLY WEEK, AND WILL BEGIN WITH THE LIBERATION OF THE FIRST 100 PRISONERS ON PALM SUNDAY. SUBSEQUENTLY, UPON VERIFICATION OF THE ENTRY OF THE NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE FORCES IN THE ZONES MUTUALLY AGREED UPON, THERE WILL BE FREED 50 PERCENT OF THE PRISONERS. THE REMAINING 50 PERCENT WILL BE FREED ON A DATE AFTER SIGNATURE OF THE CEASEFIRE AND WILL BE AGREED UPON IN THE MEETING OF APRIL 6 IN MANAGUA.

IN THE CASE OF THE PRISONERS REFERRED TO IN THE SECOND CATEGORY OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH UNDER THIS NUMBER, THEIR LIBERATION WILL BEGIN WITH THE SIGNATURE OF THE DEFINITIVE CEASE-FIRE UNDER GUIDELINES (PREVIO DICTAMEN) OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE OAS.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS WILL BE THE GUARANTOR AND TRUSTEE (DEPOSITARIO) OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY

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5) THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA WILL GUARANTEE UNRESTRICTED FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE ESQUIPULAS II AGREEMENT.

6) ONCE THE FORCES OF THE NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE ZONES MUTUALLY AGREED TO, (THE RESISTANCE) CAN SEND TO THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE AS MANY DELEGATES AS THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

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THAT MAKE IT UP, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT. IN THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE THERE WILL BE CONSIDERED, AMONG OTHER TOPICS, THAT OF MILITARY SERVICE.

7) THERE IS GUARANTEED TO ALL PERSONS WHO, FOR POLITICAL MOTIVES OR ANY OTHER REASON, HAVE LEFT THE COUNTRY, THE ABILITY TO RETURN TO NICARAGUA, BE INTEGRATED INTO THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL PROCESSES WITHOUT ANY TYPE UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 SAN JOSE 03898

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8) THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA CONFIRMS THAT THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN REINTEGRATED INTO A PEACEFUL LIFE CAN PARTICIPATE WITH EQUAL CONDITIONS AND GUARANTEES IN THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PARLIAMENT, AND THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ON THE DATES THAT ARE ESTABLISHED FOR THESE, AS WELL AS IN THE NATIONAL GENERAL ELECTIONS ON THE DATE ESTABLISHED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

9) ADDENDA:

BOTH SIDES AGREED TO EXTEND TO APRIL 1 OF THIS YEAR THE CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE MILITARY OPERATIONS PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO BY BOTH PARTIES ON MARCH 21, 1986.

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